

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against polio; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDC estimates the polio vaccine has prevented 18 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

**WHEREAS,** science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

**WHEREAS,** people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education, and medicine; and

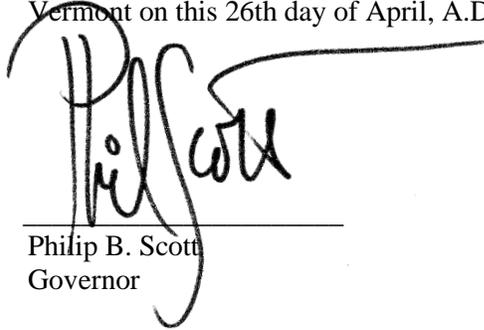
**WHEREAS,** residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how science advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 26, 2023 as

**SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2023.



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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs